

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicant:** Schoen  
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**Examiner:** Gissel, G.  
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**Docket No.:** WEBE-0018  
**Conf. No.:** 5008  
**Title:** METHOD AND DEVICE FOR THE CONTACTLESS DETECTION OF FLAT OBJECTS

Mail Stop Amendments  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**Restriction Election**

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 27, 2008, Applicant provisionally elects the claims of Group III, corresponding to claims 145-200, with traverse.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claim groups is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one of the claim groups would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claim groups. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803, in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits" (emphasis added).

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the Restriction Requirement.

Respectfully submitted,

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